

Merchandise Marks (Ireland) Bill.

MEMORANDUM

It is proposed by this Bill to confer on the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland powers of undertaking prosecutions in Ireland in respect of offences against the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887, similar to the powers exercisable as regards Great Britain by the Board of Agriculture under the Merchandise Marks (Prosecutions) Act, 1894.

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Enable the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland to undertake Prosecutions in certain cases under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887. A.D. 1909.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 5 1.—(1) The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland (in this Act referred to as "the Department") may, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, make regulations providing that in cases which appear to the Department to relate to Irish agricultural or horticultural
10 produce, or to the produce of any other Irish industry, and to affect the general interests of the country, or of a section of the community, or of a trade, the prosecution in Ireland of offences under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887, shall be undertaken by the Department, and prescribing the conditions
15 on which such prosecutions are to be so undertaken.

Official prosecutions under 50 & 51 Vict. c. 28.

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- (2) All regulations made under this section shall be laid before Parliament within three weeks after they are made if Parliament is then sitting, and if Parliament is not then sitting within three weeks after the beginning of the next session of
20 Parliament, and shall have effect as if enacted by this Act.

- (3) Nothing in this Act shall affect the power of any person or authority to undertake prosecutions otherwise than under the said regulations.

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A.D. 1909. (4) *The expenses of prosecutions undertaken by the Department in pursuance of this section shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.*

Extent and 2. This Act shall apply to Ireland only, and may be cited as
short title. the Merchandise Marks (Ireland) Act, 1909.

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